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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

1. (U) COUNTRY: BRAZIL (BR)
2. (U) REPORT NUMBER: [REDACTED]
3. (U) TITLE: BA "WARNING" RE: INTERFERENCE IN POLITICAL OPENINGS
4. (U) PROJECT NUMBER: NA
5. (U) DATE OF INFORMATION: 781218
6. (U) DATE OF REPORT: 781218
7. (U) DATE AND PLACE OF ACQUISITION: 781218, BRASILIA, BR
8. (U) REFERENCES: [REDACTED] CONTINUES
9. (U) ASSESSMENT: SOURCE B INFORMATION 2
10. (U) ORIGINATOR: [REDACTED]
11. (U) REQUEST EVALUATION: NO
12. (U) PREPARING OFFICER: [REDACTED]
13. APPROVING AUTHORITY: [REDACTED]
14. SOURCE: [REDACTED]
15. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: DIRC: NO
16. ~~40~~ SUMMARY: THE BA IS AFRAID THAT THE MDB ELECTORAL "VICTORY" MIGHT LEAD TO USG TO PRESSURE FIGUEIREDO TO SPEED-UP THE POLITICAL OPENINGS. IF SO, THE GENERALS PLAN TO PRESS FOR A POLITICAL REALIGNMENT FAVORING THE "NEUTRAL BLOC" OF NATIONS.
17. (U) SUBJECT CODE: BR-4
22. ~~40~~ DETAILS:
  - A. ~~40~~ THE ARMY HIGH COMMAND WAS DEEPLY UPSET BY WHAT IT CONSIDERED A VOTE OF NO-CONFIDENCE IN THE 15 NOVEMBER CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS. SPECIFICALLY, THE POPULAR VOTE MAJORITY IN THE KEY STATES OF THE SOUTH/CENTER SOUTH AND THE PRINCIPAL CITIES OF THE NORTH AND NORTHEAST, HAVE DEEPLY WORRIED THE FOUR-STAR GENERALS OF THE ARMY.
  - B. ~~40~~ IN VIEW OF THIS, THE GENERALS SEE AN EXTREMELY DELICATE PERIOD AHEAD FOR FIGUEIREDO'S ADMINISTRATION, ONE IN WHICH ANY ATTEMPT TO SPEED-UP THE POLITICAL TRANSITION PROCESS, PARTICULARLY IN RESPONSE TO FOREIGN POLITICAL PRESSURE -- THE USG'S -- COULD RESULT IN ENCOURAGING RADICAL ELEMENTS TO RESORT IN STREET DEMONSTRATIONS OF THE SORT WHICH PREVAILED PRIOR TO THE MARCH 1964 OVERTHROW OF THE GOULART REGIME.
  - C. ~~40~~ SHOULD THE USG ATTEMPT TO PRESSURE FIGUEIREDO, THEN THE GENERALS WILL URGE HIM TO REASSESS BILATERAL RELATIONS (US-BRASIL) AND RECOMMEND THAT BRAZIL OPT FOR THE "NEUTRALIST BLOC" OF NATIONS.
- ~~40~~ ORIGINATOR'S COMMENTS:
  1. ~~40~~ SOURCE IS CLOSE TO FIGUEIREDO, THE ARMY MINISTER, THE CHIEF OF STAFF, AND SEVERAL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE HIGH COMMAND.  
HE IS ALSO FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD THE U.S.
  2. ~~40~~ RO CONSIDERS SOURCE'S STATEMENTS AS A "PLEASE ASK YOUR LEADERS (USG) TO BE PATIENT WITH US OR ELSE

OUR NATIONALISTS WILL TURN AWAY FROM YOUR (THE U.S.)" IN OTHER WORDS, RO ASSUMES HE WAS PASSING ON A COMBINATION "PLEA/WARNING" FROM HIS FOUR-STAR MASTERS.

3. ~~40~~ THE BIT OF TURNING AWAY FROM THE U.S. TIES-IN WITH WHAT ANOTHER WELL-PLACED AND HIGH-RANKING SOURCE SAID TO RO RE: THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT SOLVING THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION ISSUES SOON. [REDACTED]

4. ~~40~~ BASED ON SOURCE'S STATEMENTS, THE HIERARCHS IS AFRAID THAT THE USG MIGHT MISINTERPRET THE ELECTORAL RESULTS AND DECIDE TO PRESSURE FIGUEIREDO TO SPEED-UP THE POLITICAL OPENINGS, THEREBY UPSETTING THE RATHER DELICATE POLITICAL SITUATION IN BRAZIL.

5. ~~40~~ THE FACT THE SOURCE WOULD NOT IDENTIFY THE GENERALS WHO FAVOR THE TURN-AWAY-FROM-THE-US SOLUTION IN THE EVENT THAT THE U.S. DOES PRESSURE FIGUEIREDO, LEADS RO TO CONCLUDE THAT ALL THE PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE HIGH COMMAND TEND TO FAVOR THIS APPROACH.

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